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For: CONDUCTING AND COUPLING  
MECHANISM BETWEEN ANGLED VALVE  
STEMS

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Examiner: H. H. Huynh

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 20, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this paper.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.